

Fact Sheet: Wedge Creek Fire & Meadow Creek Fire

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What: Wildland Fire Update

Location: Wedge Creek Fire, 13 miles north of Ovando. Meadow Creek Fire, three miles east of Coopers Lake. Both fires are located on the Seeley Lake Ranger District

Wedge Creek Fire – A lightning-caused fire approximately 13 miles north of Ovando. This fire is burning in steep terrain and heavy timber in a remote area about two miles south of the Scapegoat Wilderness boundary. The fire is producing a smoke column visible from highway 200. Backing fire, moderate flame lengths, and some torching were observed by the IC's recon flight of the fire. The fire has establishing itself on the east slope of Fenn Mountain and is approaching the peak. Yesterday showed little growth, 18 acres, due to increased relative humidity and upslope winds causing a slow backing fire on both sides of the ridge. No water or retardant drops were used yesterday. The only aviation activity was the recon in light helicopter. Due to heavy fuel loadings with intermittent bug-killed trees, steep slopes and inaccessible terrain it is unsafe to have crews on the ground. Actions will continue to engage the fire in a way that will not place firefighters in danger. No structures or property are currently threatened by the fire.

Size: The fire has been mapped at 573 acres using GPS.

Today's Plan: No direct attack is planned at this time. Actions will continue to utilize aircraft to observe and engage the fire with water drops on the forward spread of the fire as necessary. Map the fire perimeter using GPS.

Closures:

Fenn Mountain Trail #88 -- the entire trail, beginning in T 16 N, R 12 W, Section 3.

Conger Point Trail #468 -- the entire trail, beginning in T 17 N, R 11 W, Section 31.

Dwight Creek Trail #414 -- from the junction with Conger Point Trail #468 to Omar Mountain T 17 N, R 12 W, Section 14.

Conger Creek Trail #403 -- from the junction with Conger Point Trail #468 T 17 N, R 12 W, Sec. 23 to the junction with Canyon Point Trail #1437 T 17 N, R 11 W, Sec. 29.

Initial Attack – The Seeley Lake Ranger District Fire Crews controlled two more fires from Tuesdays Thunderstorms and called in another on MT DNRC protection. Four fires were found and controlled from Tuesdays storms.

This fire is listed on Inciweb: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3191>